

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 through 6, 8 through 18, and 20 through 26, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 7 and 19 as follows:

1 - 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to claim 3, for reproducing already stored moving image data while storing moving image data currently input, said image processing apparatus comprising:

a) moving image data storing means for storing input moving image data;

b) scene feature information extracting means for extracting scene feature information of each of a plurality of scenes constituting the moving image data stored in said moving image data storing means;

c) digest forming means for forming digest data for reproducing a digest of the moving image data, in accordance with the scene feature information extracted by said scene feature information extracting means; and

d) reproducing means for reproducing a digest of the moving image data stored in said moving image data storing means in accordance with the digest data formed by said digest data forming means,

wherein reproduction of the digest is performed in response to an external instruction, and

wherein said digest forming means forms digest data including a scene having a predetermined length starting from a digest reproduction start position represented by the external instruction.

6 - 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] An image processing method according to claim 15, of reproducing already stored moving image data while storing moving image data currently input, said image processing method comprising:~~

a) a storing step of storing input moving image data in moving image data storing means;

b) a scene feature information extracting step of extracting scene feature information of each of a plurality of scenes constituting the moving image data stored in said moving image data storing means;

c) a digest forming step of forming digest data for reproducing a digest of the moving image data, in accordance with the scene feature information extracted in said scene feature information extracting step; and

d) a reproducing step of reproducing a digest of the moving image data stored in said moving image data storing means in accordance with the digest data formed in said digest data forming step,

wherein reproduction of the digest is performed in response to an external instruction, and

wherein said digest forming step includes a step of forming digest data including a scene having a predetermined length starting from a digest reproduction start position represented by the external instruction.